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Reading- Plot

Identifying Problem and Solution

Materials: Copies of the reading worksheet

Pencils

Highlighter- any color

Procedures:

1. Explain to students that most stories have a problem and a solution. Problems and solutions make stories more interesting.
2. They are going to read a short story. As they read, try to find the problem in the story and then see how that problem is solved.
3. Once you are sure of the problem in the story, use your highlighter to show where the problem comes up in the story.
4. Once you are sure of the solution, highlight the part in the story that tells about the solution.
5. Write, in your own words, what the problem and the solution is for the story.

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Assessment:

Was the student a good listener?

Can the student identify the problem in the story?

Can the student identify the solution in the story?

Can the student write the problem and solution in their own words?

Did the student complete the worksheet with accuracy?

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Reading worksheet

Read the story. Use your highlighter to highlight the problem and the solution in the story. Then write the problem and the solution in your own words.

The Lion and the Mouse

By Aesop

Once when a Lion was asleep, a little Mouse began running up and down upon his belly. Soon the Lion woke up. He put his huge paw on the mouse, and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse. "Forgive me this time, and I will never forget it. I may be able to help you one of these days?" The Lion was so amused at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him that he lifted up his paw and let him go.

Many days later, the Lion was caught in a trap. The lion hunters wanted to carry him alive to the King. So, they tied the lion to a tree while the hunters went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then, the little Mouse happened to pass by, and saw how sad the Lion was. The mouse went up to him and soon chewed away the ropes that bound the lion. "I was right wasn't I?" said the little Mouse. The lion learned that little friends can turn out to be great friends.

1. The main problem in the story is _____

2. The main solution in the story is _____
